

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

January 26, 2023

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
The President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

We write following reports that your administration is actively settling migrants in Upstate New York communities.<sup>1</sup> We join with our local officials and taxpaying residents in expressing deep concern that the influx of large numbers of migrants will overwhelm the local services and infrastructure, as they have done in border communities across the southern United States. In addition, we wish to express our outrage at the secrecy with which your administration has and continues to carry out these national relocation operations.

In in a January 2022 letter led by Congresswoman Stefanik, we asked you to immediately stop transporting illegal migrants from the Southern Border to New York State.<sup>2</sup> Yet, your administration to this day continues to transport these migrants without providing any transparency to the American people. We urge you to stop this obstinance and immediately halt your administration's moving of illegal migrants to our state. In addition, we ask that you immediately provide the following information immediately to our offices:

- How many illegal migrants apprehended at the Southern Border have been relocated to New York State by executive branch agencies or grantees contracting with or reimbursed by executive branch agencies since January 20, 2021?
- What counties and municipalities have these illegal migrants been sent to in New York State and what counties or municipalities do intend to send illegal migrants to in the future? Please provide a full listing in as much detail as possible.
- In every instance that illegal migrants were transported to New York State by executive branch agencies or grantees contracting with or reimbursed by executive branch agencies, were county, municipal, and local law enforcement made aware of the relocations? If yes, please provide documentation verifying such notifications were made. If no, please explain why local governments and officials were not provided notice.
- What process is in place currently to monitor the status and location of illegal migrants relocated by executive branch agencies or grantees contracting with or reimbursed by executive branch agencies since January 20, 2021?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://nypost.com/2023/01/13/tiny-upstate-new-york-town-faced-with-nyc-like-migrant-influx/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://stefanik.house.gov/2022/1/stefanik-leads-push-to-hold-biden-accountable-for-flights-of-illegal-immigrants-to-new-york>

- Can your administration provide us information regarding the whereabouts of every illegal migrant that has been relocated to New York State by executive branch agencies or grantees contracting with or reimbursed by executive branch agencies since January 20, 2021?
- To maximize transparency and maintain our national security, will your administration commit to notifying our offices as well as all local officials and law enforcement agencies whenever illegal migrants are relocated to New York State by executive branch agencies or grantees contracting with or reimbursed by executive branch agencies?

We request that this information be provided to our offices by January 31, 2023. It is imperative we expeditiously receive these answers to serve the needs of our constituents and to fulfill our vital oversight responsibilities. Providing the American citizens we represent this most basic level of transparency is vital and necessary. If your administration fails to provide the requested information, we will continue to take every action within our powers as members of Congress to hold your administration accountable, including but not limited to withholding additional federal funding.

This unprecedented influx of migrants into the United States is an obvious sign of your administration's failed policies at the Southern Border. Rather than shifting the burden to the small communities we represent, that are not equipped to handle the influx, the answer is to secure the border. Already, your current policies have created a humanitarian and national security catastrophe which undermines the rule of law and empowers human traffickers and criminal gangs.

The American people and New Yorkers deserve transparency from their government. Citizens are entitled to know how the crisis at the Southern Border is impacting their communities, and we look forward to your timely response to this letter.


Sincerely,

  
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ELISE STEFANIK  
Member of Congress

  
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